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In re Application of:

HIROYUKI INOUE

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For: INK CONTAINER FOR INK
JET PRINTING HOLDER
FOR THE CONTAINER,
CARRIAGE FOR THE
HOLDER AND INK JET
PRINTER



Examiner: Lam S. Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 2853

January 16, 2007

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

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Japan 63-69160

Japan 4-186930

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

English language abstracts for the above-cited Japanese references have been located and are in enclosed. In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 4,687,276 is an English language counterpart of Japan 63-69160; that U.S. patent is also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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